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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Markey:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2007 in which you requested that I respond to your assessment of the importance of revising the Commission's special access rules and whether I support completing review of the record necessary to adopt a special access order by September 15, 2007.

I support a brief refreshing of the special access docket, given that special access conditions have been imposed in connection with the SBC/AT&T, Verizon/MCI, and AT&T/BellSouth mergers, and the GAO Special Access study has been released subsequent to the July 2005 closing of the record. This should also give parties the opportunity to comment on new market developments. I would support an effort to conclude our work by September 15, 2007.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter and other important telecommunications issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert M. McDowell", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Robert M. McDowell